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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0001] on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of Juteau & Vaillant, PCT application No PCT/IB03/04573, filed September 11, 2003, now abandoned, entitled ANTIVIRAL OLIGONUCLEOTIDES, and claims the benefit of Vaillant & Juteau, U.S. Provisional Application No 60/430,934, filed December 5, 2002, now abandoned, and of Vaillant & Juteau, U.S. Provisional Application No 60/410,264, filed September 13, 2002, now abandoned, all of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties, including drawings.